corruption in the State Bank of Patiala recently;

(b) whether Government have investigated into the complaints and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against those officials who were involved in these acts of corruption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Over the past couple of years some complaints containing allegations against senior executives and other officials of State Bank of Patiala have been received by Government. These have been referred to State Bank of Patiala and also to the Reserve Bank of India and State Bank of India for examination and for taking necessary action wherever warranted. State Bank of Patiala has taken/initiated action, as may be appropriate, in those cases where Bank officials have been found at fault.

Loans Granted by London Branches of some Indian Banks for Purchase of Reliance Shares

3002. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY;
SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that action was taken by the Reserve Bank of India in handing over the business of London branches of Punjab National Bank, Union Bank, and Central Bank of India to State Bank of India, Bank of India, and Bank of Baroda on the basis of the findings on the loans granted by them for purchase of Reliance shares;

(b) whether in the routine inspections the Reserve Bank of India had noticed these advances by these banks, before the appointment of committee for finding out and handling over the business to other bank;

(c) whether the Inspecting authorities of the Reserve Bank of India had made any reference to these advances; and

(d) if so, why suitable action was not taken at that time on the presentation of the report by inspecting authority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI):. (a) Reserve Bank of India has reported that the London branches of Punjab National Bank Central Bank of India and Union Bank of India had not granted any advances for purchase of shares of Reliance India Ltd. from their London branches.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Setting up of T-V. Centres in Madhya Pradesh

3003. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the places in Madhya Pradesh where TV. centres would be set up during the current and next financial years;

(b) by when these centres are likely to be set up and

(c) what expenditure is likely to be incurred On them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) In respect of the State of Madhya Pradesh, the VII Plan of Doordarshan provides for establishment of a full-fledged TV Studio Centre at Bhopal, Programme Generation Facilities' Centre at Raipur, replacement of the

existing 100W TV transmitters at Gwalior, Jabalpur and Jagdalpur by high power (10/1 KW) TV transmitters and of 1 KW TV transmitter at Raipur by a 10KW transmitter and establishment of 100 W TV transmitters, one each at Ambikapur, Bailadila, Balaghat, Betul, Chhattar-pur, Chhindwara, Damoh, Guna, Jhabua, Khargaon, Mandla, Mand-saur, Narasinhapur, Neemuch, Panna, Raigarh, Rajgarh, Satna, Seoni, Shahdol, Sidhi, Shivpuri and Tikamgarh. While a 100 W TV transmitter was commissioned into service at Damoh in 1986-87 two such transmitters, one each at Shahdol and Guna, have so far been commissioned during 1987-88. As per present indications, seven more 100 W TV transmitters are expected to be installed and commissioned into service during the remainder part of the current financial year i.e., 1987-88. Completion of the remaining projects is dependent on the annual allocation of plan resources and the supply of the required equipment.

(c) The capital expenditure on the Seventh Plan schemes of Door-darshan in respect of Madhya Pradesh is estimated at Rs. 36.65 crores.

Installation of TV Centres

3004. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government gives preference to high altitude places while selecting the sites for the ins tallation of Television Centres, be sides other factors so that the effec tive range of coverage of TV pro grammes increases and larger num ber of people spread over larger areas get benefited;

(b) whether Government have re ceived requests in regard to the ins tallation of TV towers on the follow ing high altitude points *viz.* Dhoop-garh-Pachamari in Hoshangabad district, Amarkantak in Shahdol district and Dewastekri. in Dewas district of Madhya Pradesh;

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in negative, whether Government would examine the feasibility so that large number of backward and tribal people of Madhya Pradesh also get the benefit of Television?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir. It is one of the factors taken into account while selecting a site for location of the transmitter.

(b) Requests have been received from time to time for setting up of TV transmitters at Amarkantak in Shahdol district and in Dewas and Hoshangabad district of Madhya Pradesh.

(c) and (d) The existing high power (10 KW) TV transmitters at Bhopal and Indore provide TV service to almost whole of Dewas district and large parts of Hoshangabad district. A 100 W TV transmitter has also been recently commissioned into service at Shahdol. Besides, a high power (10 KW) TV transmitter to be set up at Jabalpur (in replacement of the existing 100 W TV transmitter there) is also expected to provide service to parts of Shahdol district when commissioned into service towards the end of the Seventh plan period. On completion of the various Seventh Plan schemes of Doordarshan, all the tribal districts of Madhya Pradesh are expected to be covered by TV service, either wholly or partially. Any further strengthening of TV service in the above districts would depend upon availability of resources in the future plans of TV expansion .